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Statement Concerning the Deposited cDNA Clone

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Plasmid DNA containing Tumor Necrosis Factor Receptor 5 cDNA was deposited under the terms of the Budapest treaty on November 20, 1996. The deposit was made at the American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209, and given accession number 97798, as evidenced by the copy of the ATCC Deposit Receipt attached hereto. Assurance is hereby given that all restrictions on the availability to the public of the deposited plasmid will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of a patent, subject to 37 C.F.R. § 1.808(b).

The undersigned hereby declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the instant patent application or any patent issuing thereon.

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